

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 10-12, and 14-22 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 6, 7, 9, and 13, drawn to a correcting device which corrects printing color based on printing color correcting information and the measured humidity;

Group II, claims 8, and 25-26, drawn to a correcting device which corrects printing color based on printing color correcting information and the humidity history data in the storage device;

Group III, claims 23 and 24, drawn to a correcting device which corrects printing temperature of the thermal heads based on printing temperature correcting information and the humidity history data in the storage device; and

Group IV, claims 27 and 28, drawn to a correcting device which corrects printing temperature of the thermal heads based on printing temperature correcting information and the humidity history data in the storage device.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 1, Claims 6, 7, 9, and 13.

Applicants respectfully note that in the Restriction Requirement dated January 6, 2005, the Examiner restricted claims 6-9 and 13 as Group II. Subsequently, the Examiner issued an Official Action considering all of these elected claims. However, in the instant Restriction Requirement, the Examiner further restricts claim 8 from this group. Applicants respectfully submit that, as the Examiner has already considered this claim on the merits, there is no serious burden placed on the Examiner in considering all of claims 6-9 and 13 in the instant application.

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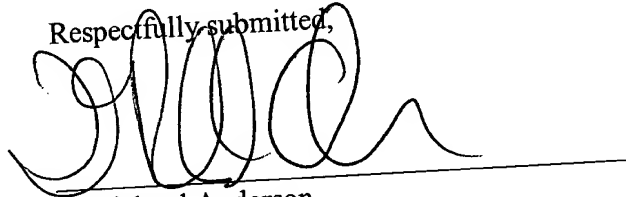
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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet, Registration No 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Anderson', written over a horizontal line.

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